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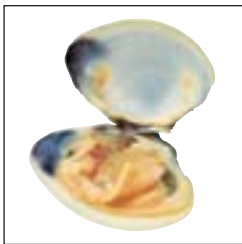
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-am Words



clam



dam



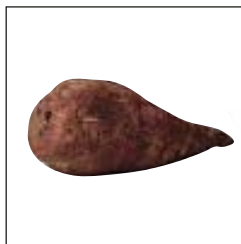
ham



jam



ram



yam



Faith is going to dig up
a **clam**.



The river is blocked by
the **dam**.



Gena has an apple
and a **ham** sandwich.



Emma spreads the jam.



The **ram** walks in the snow.



One **yam** fell out of the basket.

The Lost Ham





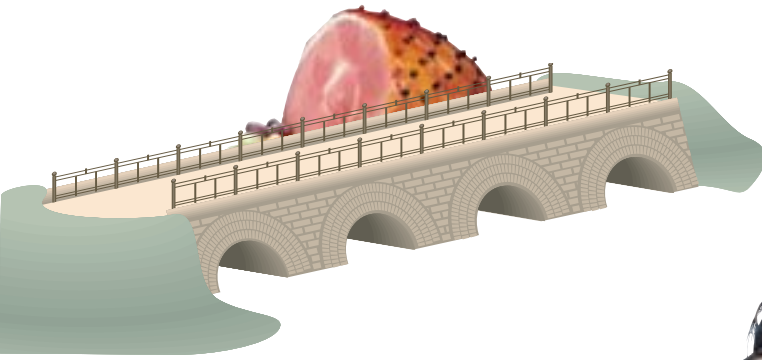
Poor Pam lost her ham.



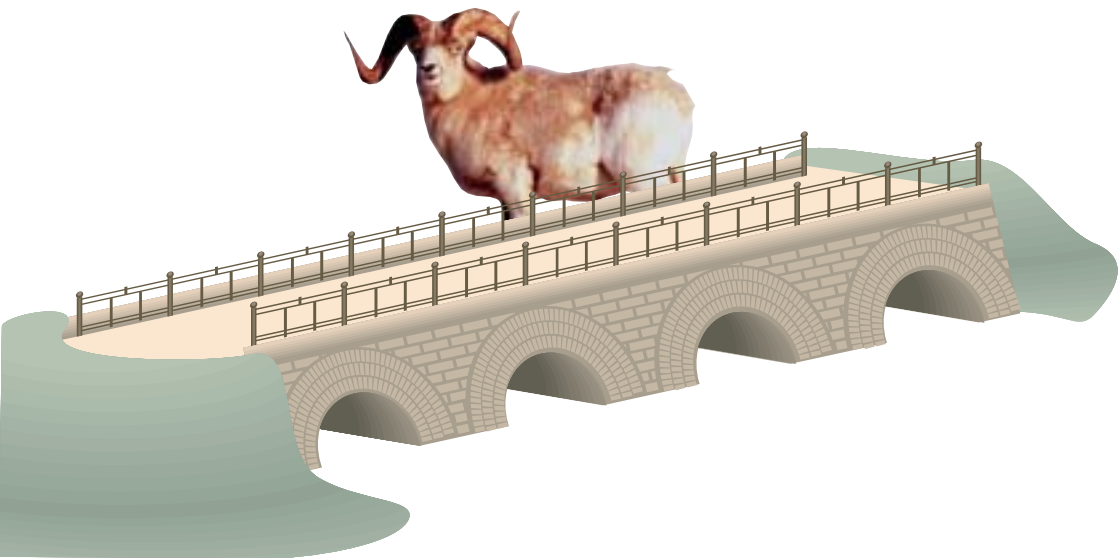
She thought
she saw it
in a pram.



But it was only baby Sam!



Gram said
she saw it
behind a dam.



But it was just a woolly ram!



Cam said he saw it
in a clam.



But it turned out
to be a yam!



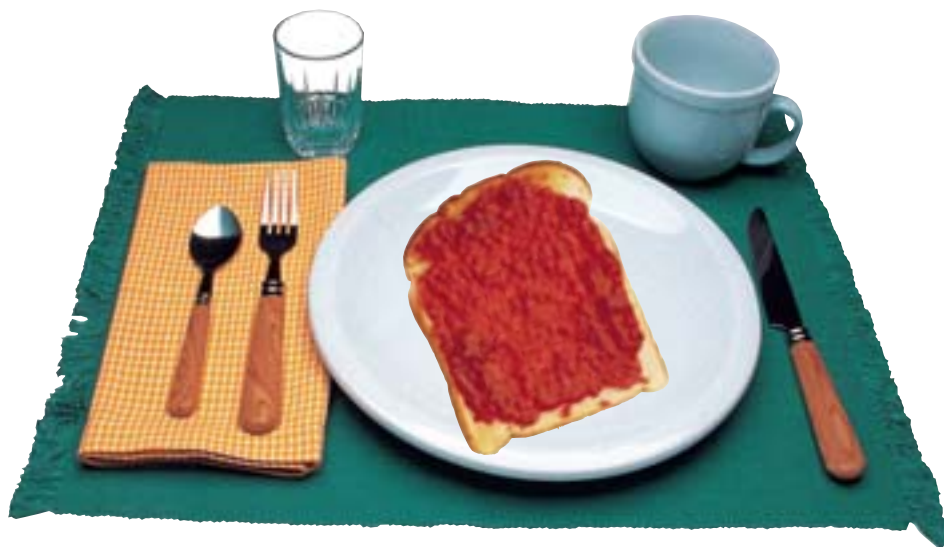
Officer Fram
said he saw it
under a tam.



But it was just
a can of Spam®!



Pam never did find her ham.



So she just ate
some bread and jam.

The -am Word Family

Cam

Pam

clam

pram

dam

ram

Gram

Sam

ham

Spam[®]

jam

tam

Officer

yam

Fram

Glossary

Some of the words in this list may have more than one meaning. The meaning listed here reflects the way the word is used in the book.

clam	a shellfish with two shells hinged together
dam	a barrier built to hold back water
pram	a baby carriage
ram	a male sheep
Spam[®]	a brand of canned meat
tam	a Scottish wool hat
yam	another name for sweet potato

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